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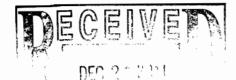
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Hon. Colleen McMahon, U.S.D.J. United States District Court Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: In re AOL Time Warner, Inc. ERISA Litigation

No. 02 Civ. 8853 (CM)

Dear Judge McMahon:

As the Court may recall, I served as the Special Master in several of the AOL matters, including the derivative action over which you presided after Judge Kram's passing (02-Cv-6302) and the prior ERISA litigation (02-Cv-8853). As the year draws to close, I am wondering if I can trouble you with one final detail to close those matters.

Last winter, I had submitted fee applications for those two cases. In each case, Your Honor instructed the service list to file any objections within 10 days. There appear to have been no objections filed in either case. Your Honor, accordingly, was kind enough to endorse an order approving my fee request in the derivative action. On the other hand, there is no recorded approval or other determination on the docket of the ERISA case (02-Cv-8853).

As noted in the application, counsel were apprised at their request of my fee computation and have actually sent a check, which I have been holding in escrow. I believe that, pursuant to Rule 53, I should obtain Court approval via an order before the funds are accepted, even though there has been no objection. Given the mass of material that the Court inherited upon Judge Kram's passing, it may be that this final matter was understandably overlooked.

For the Court's convenience, I am enclosing a copy of my application, as well as a proposed order. If there is anything further that I can do, please let me know.

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Please accept my gratitude once again and my best wishes for the holidays.

Respectfully yours,

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